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including the natural organic impalpable powder, the treatment comprising the natural organic impalpable powder and at least one dispersion medium selected from the group consisting of water, an organic solvent, a resin emulsion and a resin aqueous solution, the powder being adhered to the base layer by coating the treatment onto the base layer and drying the treatment thereon.

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21. (Amended) A skin contacting article used in contact with the skin, said article comprising a base layer and natural organic impalpable powder firmly adhered to a side of the base layer which contacts with the skin by a treatment including the natural organic impalpable powder having an average particle size of less than 30 μm and either a resin emulsion or a resin aqueous solution for dispersing the natural organic impalpable powder, the content ratio of the natural organic impalpable powder in the treatment being from 0.5 to 50 wt.% and the solid resin content in the treatment being from 0.5 to 20 wt.%, the powder being adhered to the base layer by coating the treatment onto the base layer and drying the treatment thereon.

Please add new Claim 42 as follows.

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42. (New) A skin contacting article used in contact with the skin, said article comprising a base layer, natural organic impalpable powder having an average particle size of less than 30 μm firmly adhered to a side of the base layer which contacts with the skin and a cosmetic composition weakly adhered to the natural organic impalpable powder.

REMARKS

In order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, independent Claims 12, 17 and 21 have been amended to recite that the impalpable powder is adhered to the